

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] Additionally, and still referring to Figure 2, approximately U-shaped seal carrier 31 is attached to and supported by projection 21b of applique substrate ~~[[1]]~~ 21. In particular, projection 21b extends into the channel defined between the opposing legs of the carrier 31. Bulb seal 29 is in contact with and supported by carrier 31, so that seal 29 provides a water or weather seal between door 27, carrier 31, and the elastomer portion 23 of the applique. In certain embodiments of this invention, substrate 21 of the applique is attached at 30 to the A-pillar itself or some other attachment mechanism 30a.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] In preferred embodiments of this invention, applique substrate 21 (see Figures 2-6) is made of or includes a blend and/or alloy including nylon and propylene (e.g., polypropylene or any other suitable type of propylene). One example alloy or blend for substrate 21 is NYLEX (polypropylene and nylon blend) Nylex, available from MultiBase Company, located in Troy, Michigan. Meanwhile, elastomer portion 23 of the applique is also polymer based, but in certain preferred embodiments includes or is made of a less hard material such as styrene ethylene block copolymer elastomer. The thermoplastic material selected for elastomer portion 23 is special in that it in combination with the material of substrate 21 enables portions 21 and 23 of the applique to be joined to one another during an injection mold process without the need for any additional adhesive therebetween. This represents a significant advantage over the prior art. It will be recognized by those skilled in the art that the materials listed above for applique portions 21 and 23 are for purposes of example only, and are not intended to be limiting. Other materials may

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instead be used, so long as the materials are compatible with one another by enabling the two portions to be bonded to one another without the need for additional adhesive therebetween.